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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Date MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
Group 303rd Bomb Squadron 360th ; Detachment 4-3-37-7245
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng. ; Course See Attached Chart
Target or Intended Destination Brux, Czechoslovakia of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3-5/10ths low cloud, visibility aloft unrestricted.
- GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month September Year 1944 Time 1107 Location 52°50'N-13°00'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 42-107196
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any Tempress
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 43-64822 ; (b) SW-013823 ; (c) SW-019028 ; (d) SW-007396
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1295494 B.A. ; (b) 952494 S.A. ; (c) 1295378 B.A. ; (d) 1296093 B.A. ;
(e) 158144 CPFA ; (f) 158475 CPFA ; (g) 1191995 S.A. ; (h) 1192529 S.A. ;
(i) 1192060 S.A. ; (j) 1192199 S.A. ; (k) 716670 BLCDGM ; (l) 716683 BLCDGM ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
of (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
EUS1. Pilot	MEHLHOFF, ARTHUR R.	1st Lt	0-764381	MIA RTD
EUS2. Co-Pilot	NELSON, EDGAR H.	2nd Lt	0-822601	MIA RTD
KIAB. Navigator	WILLIAMS, GAYLON C. 371	2nd Lt	0-720046	MIA
EUS4. Bombardier	NEWCOMB, HARRY F. JR.	F/O	T-2902	MIA RTD
EUS5. Top Turret G.	WAGNER, DONALD L.	T/Sgt	38142308	MIA RTD
EUS6. Radio Gunner	THEYE, NORMAN W.	T/Sgt	15327516	MIA RTD
EUS7. Ball Turret G.	KEERAN, ELWOOD, R.	S/Sgt	19152057	MIA RTD
EUS8. Waist Gunner	HARMS, VERNON H.	S/Sgt	37680104	MIA RTD
EUS9. Tail Gunner	QUACKENBUSH, BENJAMIN V.	S/Sgt	32748353	MIA RTD

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. FULKS, JAMES O.	2nd Lt	0-705016		X		
2. CONNELLY, BEN L.	1st Lt	0-758280		X		
3. UNDERDOWN, SIDNEY L.	1st Lt	0-754390		X		

(Over)

Incl 20'

C O N F I D E N T I A L

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. ~~See attached chart~~ *2043*
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary Attached.**
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None.

Date of Report 15 September 1944

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary Attached.

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 303rd Bomb Gp SQ 360th A/C # 42-107196 MISSION DATE 12 September 1944.

FIRST PILOT MELHOFF, ARTHUR R. 1st Lt. O-764581 DESTINATION Brux, Czechoslovakia.
NAME RANK SER#

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates 52°50'N-15°00'E.

(b) Approximate altitude 26,000.

(c) Last noted heading A/C was in a turn.

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation About one half mile.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

Intense and severe attacks from approximately 25 B/A.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

A/C received a hit in #1 engine and the propeller was feathered. It jettisoned its bombs but could not stay in formation. When it was last seen it was in a tight spin.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

A/C first dropped back out of formation. It seemed to be able to hold altitude pretty well. Then it slid off to the left and made a 180° turn. When last seen it was in a tight spin - apparently after the crew bailed out.

(Over)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No. If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

Nine are reported.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

8. Date of report 15 September 1944.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SFR #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	FULKS, JAMES O.	2nd Lt.	O-705013	44-8318
2.	CONNELLY, BEN L.	1st Lt.	O-758280	44-6124
3.	UNDERDOWN, SIDNEY L.	1st Lt.	O-734390	43-38289
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Joseph G. Robinson</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>O-904618</u>	<u>Ass't S-2.</u>
NAME	RANK	SER #	DUTY
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON			

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

MAR 8825

B-17

9 man crew

AAF# 42-107196

Date:
Place:
Type of
craft:
Markings

12 Sept 44
Berlin

Fortress

360 (HBO) Sqd.
303 Group

Rank: Name:

KU 968 a

pilot -

1st Lt.	MEHLHOFF, Arthur Reuben	: 0-764381
F/O.	KENCOMB, Jr. Harry Farrell	: T 2902
2nd Lt.	NELSON, Edgar Henry	: 0-822601
2nd Lt.	WILLIAMS, Gaylon G.	: 0-721148
S/Sgt.	QUACKENBUSH, Benjamin	: 32748353 /
T/Sgt.	WAGNER, Donald Louis	: 38142308
T/Sgt.	TRICE, Norman William	: 15327516
S/Sgt.	HARMS, Vernon Henry	: 37680104
S/Sgt.	KEERAN, Elwood Ray	: 191520

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

12 Sep. 1944

CASUALTY NO.

KH 963 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Berlin

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Stachen

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
NEMLHOFF, ARTHUR NEUBEN 22 June 1916 Martin, N. Dak.	1/Lt.	0-764381	captured	Dulag-Luft
NEWCOMB Jr., Harry Farrell 2 Dec. 1922 Pittsburg, Pa.	F/O	T-2902	"	"
QUACKENBUSH, Benjamin V. 1 Oct. 1924	S/Bgt.	32748353	"	"
RYE, Norman William	T/Bgt.	15327516	"	"
KERRAN, Elwood Ray	S/Bgt.	19152097	"	"
HARRIS, Vernon Henry	S/Bgt.	37680104	"	"
WAGNER, Donald Louis	T/Bgt.	38142308	"	"
<u>Dropping No. KH 963 A</u>		<u>1st Additional Report, 2 Nov. 1944</u>		
WELSON, Edgar Henry	2/Lt.	0-822601	captured	Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 5 Oct. 1944 WO.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield Headquarters 25/III - (2) Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 13th September 1944, time: 0500

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknownEM. LANDING: AT: unknown on 12th September 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Nelson

FIRST NAME:

Edgar H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-822601 (U.S.) Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Captured with an ankle fracture and transferred to Garrison-Hospital 101 Neuruppin during the night. At Neseberg District Ruppin on 12th September 1944. Captured by civilians at 1135. Garrison-Hospital 101 Neuruppin. Delivered on 13th September 1944 with a complicated ankle-fracture.

Distributed to:
Dulag Luft

Signature illegible
Captain

MACR

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airfield Headquarters A 9/XI Neubrandenburg**

PLACE: **Neubrandenburg**

DATE: **13th September 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **?** **Parachute jumping**

EM. LANDING: AT:

mia 12 Sept 44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

H A R N S

FIRST NAME:

Vernon H.

*Eus -
air Corps*

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37680104 T 43 - 44 0 Rank : S/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

At Neustrelitz / Neeklenburg , time : 1400

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

MACR 8825

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airfield Headquarters 25/III (2) Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **13th September 1944, time: 2015**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown****EM. LANDING: AT: ? on 12th September 1944**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Keeran**FIRST NAME: **Elwood R.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **191520 (U.S.A.) Rank: S/Sgt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

Captured and transferred to Prisoner Transit Camp
 Airfield Headquarters 4/III Berlin-Staaken on 14th Sept.
 At Keolpinsee near Rheinsberg on 12th September 1944
 1944, time: 1415. Captured by innkeeper Hollupp, Rheins-
 berg, Waldschaenke

Signature illegible
 Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airfield Headquarters 25/III-(2) Neuruppin**

PLACE: **Neuruppin**

DATE: **13th September 1944, time: 0415**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **unknown on 12th September 1944**

EM. LANDING: AT: **?**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

M e h l h o f f

FIRST NAME:

Arthur R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-764381 (U.S.A.) Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

At Gross Muts District Ruppin by civilians on 12th September 1944, time: 1140

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks: Transferred to Prisoner Transit Camp Airfield Headquarters Berlin-Staaken on 12th September 1944

**Distributed to:
Dulag Luft**

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Captain**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield Headquarters 25/III - (2) Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 13th September 1944 , time : 0400

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown on 12th September 1944

EM. LANDING: AT: ?

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Nowomb

FIRST NAME:

Harry F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

T 2902 (U.S.A.)

Rank : P/O

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

At Gross Muts District Ruppin by local police on 12th September 1944 , time : 1145

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks : Transferred to Prisoner Transit Camp Airfield Headquarters Berlin-Staaken on 13th September 1944

Distributed to :
Dulag Luft

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Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield Headquarters 25/III - (2) Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 13th September 1944 , time : 0430

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown on 12th September 1944EN. LANDING: AT: ?

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

W a g n e r

FIRST NAME:

Donald L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

38142302 (U.S.A.) Rank : T/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

At Gross Muts District Neuruppin by civilians of that village on 12th September 1944 , time : 1150

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks : Transferred to Prisoner Transit Camp Airfield Headquarters Berlin-Staaken on 13th September 1944.

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Captain

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield Headquarters 25/III (2) Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 19th September 1944, time: 2000

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknownEM. LANDING: AT: on 12th September 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Thye

FIRST NAME:

Norman W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

15327516 (U.S.A.) Rank: T/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE.

At Koelpinsee near Rheinsberg by innkeeper Hollupp,
Rheinsberg, Waldschaenke on 12th September 1944,
time: 1415

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

Remarks: Transferred to Prisoner Transit Camp Airfield Headquarters Berlin - Staaken
on 14th September 1944Distributed to:
Dulag LuftSignature illegible
Captain

General Hospital 102, Neuruppin
- Administration -
File No. 18/44

Neuruppin, 31 Oct. 1944

To : Army Information Office for War Casualties and POW's
Berlin W 30
Hohenstaufener Street 47/48

MACR 8825
13-17
AAF 42-107196
9 men

Subject: Report on death

Date of death: 10 Oct. 1944

Name: Gaylen, Williams 44/93

Rank: Lt.

Unit: Unknown (Army Postal No. O 720046)

AC

~~First Name: Williams~~

Name: Gaylen ✓

MIA } 12 Sep 44
KIA }

Date of death: 10 Oct. 44

Place of death: Neuruppin

Cause of death: Bullet injury of bladder and abdomen when shot down during an air raid

Date of birth: 10 July 23

Signed
Col. (MD)

6271

Comite International de la Croix-Rouge
Geneve
Agence Centrale des Prisonniers de Guerre



Death

Name and First Name: GAYLON, ^C WILLIAMS

Identification tag: 0720046

Date of birth: 10 July 23

Date of capture: 12 Sep. 44

Place and date of death: Neuruppin, on 10 Oct. 44

Cause of death: Bullet injury of the bladder and abdomen

Place of interment: Neuruppin

MIA }
KIA } 12 Sep 44

Signed

Capt. (MD)

(Written in pencil on back of page)

16 Oct. 44, P

Field 1, row 2, grave 17

General Hospital, 102 Neuruppin

Neuruppin, 31 Oct. 1944

Report of death

Name: GAYLEN C. Williams

AC

44/93

Rank: Lt.

Unit: American airman

Date of birth: 10 July 23

Date of death: 10 Oct. 44

Place of death: Neuruppin

Nationality: American

Identification tag: 0720046

MIA } 12 Sep 44
MIA }

Cause of death: Injury

Kind of injury: Bullet injury of the bladder and abdomen

The injury occurred in service command III

Place of interment: Neuruppin, Communal Cemetery

Field 1, row 2, grave No. 17

Date of interment: 16 Oct. 44

Signed

Col. (MD) and Chief Surgeon

(Written on back of page)

Garrison Commander, Neuruppin
List of graves: Neuruppin
No. 12/36
Date: 2 Nov. 44

Signed
Major

(Made out in duplicate)

1st Lt. Arthur R. Mehlhoff	Mr. Jacob Mehlhoff (father) 3061 Twentieth South, Seattle, Washington. ✓
2nd Lt. Gaylon G. Williams 371	Mr. Elbert H. Williams (father) Route One, Donie, Texas. ✓
2nd Lt. Edgar H. Nelson	Mrs. Christine O. Nelson (mother) 309 East Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania. ✓
F/O Harry F. Newcomb, Jr.,	Mrs. Margaret M. Newcomb (mother) 323 Hickory Lane, Haddonfield, New Jersey. ✓
T/Sgt. Norman W. Thye	Mrs. Elaine A. Thye (wife) 1910 Lillie Place, Cincinnati, Ohio. ✓
T/Sgt. Donald L. Wagner	Mrs. Olive E. Wagner (mother) General Delivery, Holly, Colorado. ✓
S/Sgt. Vernon H. Harms	Mrs. Elma L. Harms (mother) General Delivery, New Hartford, Iowa. ✓
S/Sgt. Benjamin V. Quackenbush	Mr. Benjamin V. Quackenbush (father) 42 Parsons Avenue, Hosick Falls, New York. ✓
S/Sgt. Elwood R. Keeran	Mrs. Carrie E. Keeran (mother) 1515 East 8th Street, National City, California. ✓

Handwritten signature

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AG 319.1 Gas. 3rd Ind. JWP/rr
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 28 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Original Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-107196 was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33, dated 4 October 1944.

For the Commanding General:

H. M. Rund

H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 107
APO 557 - US ARMY

5825
D-A-2

25 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report, 12 September 1944, 1st Lt. Arthur R. Mehlhoff, O-764381, ship no. 42-107196.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.
(Attn: Statistical Control).

1. The following change in Missing Air Crew Report, 1st Lt. Arthur R. Mehlhoff, O-764381, ship no. 42-107196, 12 September 1944, is made:

Par. #11 Number of Persons Aboard Aircraft:

Tail Gunner Quackenbush, Benjamin V. S/Sgt. 32748353 MIA

Should read:

Tail Gunner Quackenbush, Benjamin V. Jr. S/Sgt. 32748353 MIA

For the Commanding Officer



Frank J. Doherty
FRANK J. DOHERTY,
MAJCR. AC,
ADJUTANT.

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(Ltr Hq AAF Sta 107, dtd 25 Sept 44, subj: "Missing Air Crew Report, 12 September 1944, 1st Lt. Arthur R. Mehlhoff, O-764381, ship no. 42-107196.")

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1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 30 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.
(Att: 21st Statistical Control Unit).

Attention is invited to basic communication.

For the Commanding General:



J. T. Peuriefoy
J. T. PEURIEFOY,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

319.1

2nd Ind.

SCU-D-2

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

10 OCT 1944

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to basic communication.

2. Missing Air Crew Report on aircraft B-17G, 42-107196, forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, Communications Zone, ETOUSA), by letter, this Headquarters, 319.1, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 22 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.
H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WILLIAMS, Captn C.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-720 046

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Navigator

Did he bail out? YesWhere? North of BerlinIf not, why not? X

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Said he had been hit. Ordered to Bail OutWas he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? Neuruppin, GermanyAny hearsay information: Died about 14th October

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

He died because of insufficient medical attention. I spenta month with him in a filthy prison adjoining a hospital inNeuruppin, Germany . Had almost completely lost his mind whenI was taken to another prison.Total number of missions of above crew member: 15Dates and destinations if possible: X

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Nelson, Edgar H. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-822601
2. ^{303rd Bomb Grp.} Organization 303rd Bomb Grp. Gp Commander Col. Lyle Rank Col. Sqn CO Schaler Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Brux, target, Oil, target
time, About 1300, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, N. Germany
route flown as Scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? North of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
None
11. Where were they in aircraft? X
12. What was their condition? X
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? X
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
X

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

File # 8825
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WILLIAMS, Gordon G.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-720 046

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or~~ Flight (Fighter):

Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROX 40 MILES N.W. OF BERLIN

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: CALLED ME ON THE INTER-PHONE AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN HIT.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN LOCAL JAIL OF SMALL VILLAGE NEAR WHERE WE BAILED OUT

Any hearsay information: LT. WILLIAMS WAS OPERATED ON BY A GERMAN SURGEON A DAY AFTER WE WENT DOWN. A WEEK OR TWO AFTER THE OPERATION HIS CONDITION SUDDENLY BECAME WORSE AND HE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO RECOVER.

Source: LT. EDGAR H. NELSON (IN THE SAME HOSPITAL WITH LT. WILLIAMS)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

- 6 3. August /44 Bernau - Erenitz Road
7th 18 August /44 Seising
8th 24 August 44 Merseburg
9th 27 August 44 Esberg
10 30 August 44 Abt. Am. Sortie
11 5 September 44 Ludwigshafen
12 8 September 44 Ludwigshafen
13 10 September 44 ~~Abt.~~ Stuttgart
14 12 September 44 Brest

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HARRY FARRELL NEWCOMB Rank F/O Serial No. F-2902
2. Organization 303rd Bomb Gp Commander Kermit D. Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Walter K Shaylor Rank LT Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb, target, Bomb Czech, target time, ✓, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____
 _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? APP. 35-40 miles WNW of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) All bailed out
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt Gaylon C Williams AND I Landed about 1000 feet apart. He was injured I asked a German, who could speak English to get a doctor. This doctor arrived about 3 1/2 hours later and applied a small bandage and left. Later around 1030 PM we were joined by three other crew members, including Lt Edgar H. Nelson #22601 who was injured also. Both Lt Williams & Lt Nelson were left in a hospital, in or near Neu Ruppin Germany
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. All other crew member have returned.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

See back

Lt E. H. Nelson would know more about Lt Williams
after Sept 12 1944 as he was in the same prison hospital.
if a similar form has not been sent him he can be located
at his home:

MR Edgar H. Nelson
309 E Scribner Ave
Du Bois, PENNA.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harris, Vernon H. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37680104
2. Organization AAF.Gp Commander Lyle Rank Col. Sqn CO ? Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13, target, Brux, target, Flotteron
 time, 12 A.M., altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, Flotteron
 route flown Flotteron
5. Where were you when you left formation? North Of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
No Crew List -
No Knowledge.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Still Flying When Last Seen
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? —
12. What was their condition? —
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? —
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILLIAMS, Capton C.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-720 046
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 60 miles North and East of Berlin

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: About the time we received our orders to bail out Lt. Williams called the Pilot and told him he was badly wounded. I helped care for him for about two hours after we were taken prisoner

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? He was taken to a hospital of some sort at an airbase of the Germans about 20 miles to the south

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

The Co-pilot was taken to the same hospital as Lt. Williams and according to him Lt. Williams lived about one month after the accident and died after much suffering.

Address of Co-pilot
 Edgar H. Nelson
 309 East Scribner Ave.
 Du Bois, Pa.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Donald L. Wagner Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 38142308
2. Organization 303 Bb Gp Commander K.D. Stevens (full name) Col. Sqn COW. W. K. Shaylor (full name) Lt. Col.
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oil Refinery, target, Alt Unknown, target time, 1200, altitude, 29,000 route scheduled, North route in South back route flown Same in Out unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 50 miles north of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". The entire crew made a good job of making a safe bail out and none were injured except the Co-pilot who broke his ankle ~~before~~ and the Navigator who was injured before he left the ship
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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 INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WILLIAMS, Gaylon C.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-720 046**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: **Navigator**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Somewhere between Lubec and Berlin Germany, about 40 miles NE of Berlin.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Pilot saying,

~~they were shot down.~~ Navigator saying that he was hit pretty bad to the pilot.

Was he injured? Yes,

Where was he when last seen? He was still in the nose of the plane.

Any hearsay information: The Navigator was the first one to bail out, and that he could bail out by himself. 2 And also that the bombardier landed close to him when they jumped out. My co-pilot was taken to the same hospital that the Navigator was in because he broke his ankle when the landed. In fact he occupied the bed next to his in the hospital. He said, that the navigator just faded from bad to worst.

Source: Bombardier, Harry F. Newcomb Jr. Flt. Off. Co-Pilot Edward H. Nelson, 2nd Lt.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: After landing in field he was bandaged up by the Bombardier, and spent one night in a barn with the Co-Pilot, Bombardier and some others, he was then placed in the same hospital as the Co-Pilot as he had broken his leg in landing. The Navigator was suffering from a fragment that had entered the lower part of the stomach. As told by my Co-Pilot.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: 3 Aug/44 unknown, 5 Aug/44 Pas De Calais Area, 7 Aug/44 Chartes, 11 Aug/44 Brest Area, 12 Aug/44 Metz Air Drome, 13 Aug/44 Bernay Evereau Road, 15 Aug/44 Seraing, 24 Aug/44 Merseburg, 27 Aug/44 Esbjerg, 30 Aug/44 Abortive Sortive, 5 Sept/44 Ludwigshafen, 8 Sept/44 Ludwigshafen, 10 Sept/44 Stuttgart, 12 Sept/44 Brux.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Elwood E. Keeran Rank S/sgt Serial No. 19152037
2. Organization 303th BG 360 B Sqd Gp Commander Lewis E. Lyle Rank Col Sqn COL Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 12th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13th, target, Bruz, Czech., target time, 15:00, altitude, 25,500 Ft. route scheduled, Northern, route flown Northern
5. Where were you when you left formation? Somewher Northeast of Berlin, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Tail Gunner, Waist Gunner, Radioman, myself Ball turret bailed out the tail escape hatch because the waist escape hatch could not open. Navigator, Bombardier, Co-Pilot Pilot, and engineer, went out the Navigators escape hatch in the nose.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? With exception of Navigator all of the crew was at Camp Lucky Strike, France and also the Engineer who was in the hospital at the time somewhere in France. They were all in pretty good health.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

2nd Lt. Gaylon C. Williams O-720 046

Buried at Neerupppin Cemetery
Field 1, Row 2, Grave #17

AU 1458.

MACR 8825

Lat $52^{\circ}55'N$ Long $12^{\circ}50'E$

Identification tags of the following men

1.) Donald L. Wagner, ASN 38142308 T 42 - 43 A
O ✓

2.) Elwood R. Keeran, ASN 19152037 T 44 - 44 AB
P ✓

3.) Harry F. Newcomb, ASN T-2902 T 43 - 44 A
O ✓

4.) Edgar H. Nelson, ASN O-822601 T 43 - 42 AB
P ✓

5.) B.V. Quackenbush jr. ASN 32748353 T 43 - 44 A
P ✓

6.) Vernon H. Harms, ASN 37680104 T 43 - 44 O
P ✓

7.) Norman W. Thye, ASN 15327516 T 43 - 44 O
P ✓

8.) Arthur R. Mehlhoff, ASN O-764381 T 43 - 44 O
P ✓

9.) Gaylon G. Williams, ASN O-721148 T 43 - 44 O
P ✓

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 963 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 12.9.44
Abschußort: Berlin
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Staaken

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
MEHLHOFF	Arthur Reuben	1.Lt.	0-764381	gef.	Dulag-Luft
22.6.16	Martin, N. Dak.				
NEWCOMB jr.	Harry Farrell	P/O	T-2902	gef.	Dulag-Luft
2.12.22	Pittsburg, Pa.				
QUAKENBUSH	Benjamin V.	S/Sgt.	32748353	gef.	Dulag-Luft
1.10.24					
THYE	Norman William	T/Sgt.	15327516	gef.	Dulag-Luft
KEERIN	Elwood Ray	S/Sgt.	19152037	gef.	Dulag-Luft
HARMS	Vernon Henry	S/Sgt.	37680104	gef.	Dulag-Luft
WAGNER	Donald Louis	T/Sgt.	38142308	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: MACP-8825

DULAG-LUFT, den 5.10.44 **Wo.**